

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,000 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 5, 2004.

**David A. Reingold,**

*Director, Office of Research and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0094]

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Debarment and Suspension

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning debarment and suspension. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 63073 on November 7, 2003. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0094, Debarment and Suspension, in all correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Craig Goral, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3856.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The FAR requires contracts to be awarded to only those contractors determined to be responsible. Instances where a firm or its principals have been indicted, convicted, suspended, proposed for debarment, debarred, or had a contract terminated for default are critical factors to be considered by the contracting officer in making a responsibility determination. This certification requires the disclosure of this information.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 89,995.

*Responses per respondent:* 12.223.

*Total Responses:* 1,100,000.

*Hours Per Response:* 0.0833 hrs.

*Total Burden Hours:* 91,667.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0094, Debarment and Suspension, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 15, 2003.

**Laura Auletta,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Armed Forces Epidemiological Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army; DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of the following meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB).

*Dates:* February 17 and 18, 2004.

*Times:* 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (February 17, 2004). 1:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (February 18, 2004).

*Location:* Four Points Sheraton (<http://www.sheraton4pts.com/>), located at 1325 Miracle Strip Parkway, Highway 98 East Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

*Agenda:* The purpose of the meeting is to address pending and new Board issues, provide briefings for Board

members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, conduct subcommittee meetings, and conduct an executive working session.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel James R. Riddle, Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258, (703) 681-8014/5.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. The meeting will be open to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof and Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Invaplex From Gram Negative Bacteria, Method of Purification and Methods of Use

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. 6,245,892 entitled "Invaplex From Gram Negative Bacteria, Method of Purification and Methods of Use," filed June 12, 2001. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US99/22771). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Invaplex, a novel composition comprising invasion proteins and LPS from gram-negative bacteria is described as well as methods of using the novel composition as an adjuvant and a diagnostic tool.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Method for Providing Gliding and Trajectory Control of a Parachute Cluster Assembly**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR Part 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 6,669,146 B2 entitled "Method For Providing Gliding and Trajectory Control of a Parachute Cluster Assembly" issued December 30, 2003. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone: (508) 233-4928 or E-mail: [Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil](mailto:Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR Part 404.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Concerning Non-Contact Respiration Monitor**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of the

invention described in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/501,403 entitled "Non-Contact Respiration Monitor," filed September 10, 2003. The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The present invention relates to devices for detecting or monitoring a vital of a patient. More particularly, the present invention relates to a device for detecting or monitoring the respiration of a patient.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Use of Purified Invaplex From Gram Negative Bacteria as a Vaccine**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. 6,277,379 entitled "Use of Purified Invaplex from Gram Negative Bacteria as a Vaccine," filed August 21, 2001. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US99/22772). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment,

(301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A novel composition comprising Invaplex from gram-negative bacteria is described and is effective as a vaccine against gram-negative bacterial infection.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 9, 2004.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate;